

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,
Please have a look over our curriculum for the
coming half term...



Our theme for this half term is: Stone Age to Bronze Age



Writing: This half term we will be focusing on poetry by Allan Ahlberg and on the books *Speak Up* and *Clean Up*. Through these books the children will look at writing newspaper reports and persuasive letters. They will also begin to learn about paragraphs, pronouns and apostrophes.



Reading: We are incredibly proud of how well the children have taken to Accelerated Reader – please refer to the video on Class Dojo if you want some additional information about this. This term in our reading lessons, we will be finishing 'The Stolen Spear' and then using *The Twits* by Roald Dahl to develop the children's comprehension skills.



Maths: This half term we are moving into Multiplication and Division. This involves teaching some methods for multiplication and division – both will be shared on Class Dojo in due course. We will also teach the 4x table to your children, whilst reviewing the 2x, 5x and 10x tables – feel free to practise these as much as you would like at home!



Science: Our topic this term is 'Animals – Nutrition and Movement'. Through different activities and experiments we will explore skeletons, muscles and what animals need in order to stay healthy. We will explore the different types of skeletons, thinking about endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons.



History/Geography: Our History unit continues this half term, continuing to explore what life was like in Early Britain. We are now moving towards the Bronze and Iron Age.



Music: This half-term we are continuing to learn the recorder. The children will be working hard to cover the holes on the recorder completely, pressing down firmly and breathing gently and softly to ensure a good quality sound is produced. The children will be playing the notes of BAG, both individually as part of practise time, and then these will form a variety of different tunes. Please make sure your child has their recorder in school every week and that they are giving it a go at home too, in order to make the best possible progress.



PSHE: This term, our topic is, "Why should we keep active and sleep well?". We will be looking at the benefits of keeping active and why it is important to get enough sleep.



Computing: We are going to be using Purple Mash to develop our coding skills. We will continue to think about how to stay safe online.



PE: For outdoor PE, we will be learning the skills involved with netball, including sending and receiving the ball, footwork and team strategies. During our indoor PE, we will be working on our gymnastics skills.



RE: This half term we will be looking at where morals come from.



Art & DT: Our focus this term is on DT – we will be looking at where food comes from, if it is seasonal or where it comes from. We will then plan, prepare and cook our own Stone Age Soups. If you would like to help during the cooking stage, please let your class teacher know via Class Dojo.



MFL: This half term we will continue to build on the vocabulary that the children have already learnt, with a focus on authentic dialogue.



Forest Schools: This half-term, Year 3 will be making chips from potatoes grown in our vegetable garden. This will involve using knives safely to cut the potatoes, as well as collecting sticks, building a fire and lighting it. They will also be cutting willow from our willow trees and using it to create their own mini-Christmas wreaths. As always, there will be plenty of opportunities for them to play freely in the

If you have any
questions at all please
contact us via class
dojo or catch us at the
end of the school day.

Please consider some tracksuit bottoms and a top for PE in the colder weather. These should be black or grey and should not be branded. Children with long hair need to have it tied back and earrings need to be removed. Children need a water bottle daily.
Please ensure all uniform is named.
To help support your child's learning, please hear your child read daily for 20 minutes and record this in their reading record. These need to be brought to school on **Wednesdays** to be checked by the class teacher. Spellings will be uploaded on Class Dojo on a Monday and the children will be tested the following Monday. Maths homework will be set on a Thursday and is to be completed by the following Wednesday.